



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham by phone (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Guest Malik McKinley, Client Relations Director, Educational Testing Service (ETS)

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Updates

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Update (Malik McKinley):

- Malik McKinley gave an update on the ETS testing and participated in the Committee discussion into the process of determining scores for the Praxis series and an overall look at the testing requirements of Chapter 13 “Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists, and Administrators”. The Committee discussed the following:
 - Family and Consumer Science Praxis
 - Special Education – Teaching Students with Severe Disabilities Praxis
- The Committee reviewed concerns regarding the Career and Technical Education (CTE) changes to Chapter 115 “Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel”.

Higher Education:

- The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Government Evaluation Act

- The Government Evaluation Act report will be submitted to Phil McCarthy, Senior Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, Maine State Legislature, by Friday, November 1, 2013.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.